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New York, Jan. 9.—Banks and financial institutions were the heaviest sufferers in the financial flurry of 1907, according to the annual "Report of Failures" issued to-day by R. G. Dun & Co. Altogether there were 11,725 failures in the United States for a total of \$197,385,225, compared with 10,862 failures for \$119,201,515 in 1906. But the figures compare favorably with the majority of former years. Both the number and amount are smaller in 1907 than in the preceding years of financial stress, as 1896, 1893, 1894, and 1878.

Among the banking institutions there were 132 failures which involved \$233,325,975, as against 58 failures for \$108,805,980 in 1906. It is pointed out, however, that many of the institutions have since resumed business.

The manufacturing failures in 1907 numbered 2,913, and involved \$100,640,444, as against 2,470 for \$45,675,362 in 1906. The trading failures numbered 8,419 for \$88,096,148, against the 1906 record of 7,845 failures for \$48,186,193.

WORRY OVER LOSSES
CAUSED SUICIDEWilliam B. Nevin Threw Himself Under
Wheels of New York Subway
Train This Forenoon.

New York, Jan. 9.—Ill health and a nervous breakdown resulting from worry over heavy losses in the recent panic are believed to be responsible for the suicide of William B. Nevin, a Boston stockbroker, who ended his life today by throwing himself under the wheels of a subway train at the 79th street station. He was formerly a member of the New York stock exchange.

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED
DESCEND ON HIBBARDBoston's Mayor Promised to Reply to
Their Resolution Next Tuesday, Af-
ter He Understood Situation.

Boston, Jan. 9.—Headed by Morris I. Swift, one of the leaders of the Social Labor party, a crowd of about 300 unemployed men, after holding a mass meeting on Boston common, marched down to the city hall yesterday afternoon and presented Mayor George A. Hibbard a set of resolutions in which they asked that the city give them work. Yesterday's meeting in the common was an adjourned gathering from last Sunday, and a similar meeting was held in Faneuil hall.

When the party arrived at city hall Mr. Swift went to the mayor's office to present the resolutions and to ask the mayor to address the gathering. The crowd waited before in the hall yard, about a dozen unemployed men, who were waiting for the mayor to appear. The neighboring stations went to the yard to preserve order.

This is the first gathering of the kind in Boston since 1893, when a detachment of Coxey's army went to the state house to demand work of Governor Greenhalge. Mayor Hibbard received the committee headed by Mr. Swift in his office, but declined to address the meeting on city hall steps until he had thoroughly understood the nature of the resolutions presented. He said that he would give his reply next Tuesday to the committee.

Swift and the other members of the committee then appeared before the meeting and announced the decision of the mayor and said there would be a mass meeting on the common Wednesday afternoon, at which time the mayor's reply would be read. Swift urged that all the unemployed in the city be present at the meeting next week and hoped that the gathering would number over 10,000. The meeting of city hall steps then dispersed.

TO TRAIN CITIZENS
IN SOLDIER RESERVEWill Be purpose of Appropriation of
\$100,000 Which National Rifle As-
sociation Will Ask Congress For.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—An appropriation of \$100,000 will be asked of Congress by the National Rifle association, the directors of which have just concluded a meeting here for the purpose of training school boys of the country in marksmanship. It is proposed to issue King rifles, now held by the state militia, which are being replaced by United States army rifles. The association also advocates an appropriation for instruction of citizens outside the militia with the idea of creating a vast reserve force of potential soldiers.

EAST MONTPELIER.

Quite a number from town are attending the poultry show in Barre this week.

George H. Clark, H. M. Farnham, D. W. Cummings and Harry Daniels were among those from this town who were in Chelsea to attend the meeting of the Orange County Telephone company, and Mr. Daniels was elected one of the directors.

ELLIOTT ARRESTED IN
NEW JERSEY CASEBoston Railroad Brakeman Admits
Knowing the Whitmores, But Claims
He Didn't See Them Until
After Christmas.

Boston, Jan. 9.—Frederick W. Elliott, aged 22 years, a Boston & Albany brakeman, whose home is in Auburndale, wanted on a charge of being an accessory after the fact to the murder of Mrs. Eliza Whitmore at Hudson, N. J., Dec. 26, appeared at police headquarters last evening and gave himself up to the authorities.

He was examined by the local authorities and Inspector Charlock of Newark, N. J., and then committed to the Tombs under formal arrest as a fugitive from justice.

Elliott, when seen by newspaper men, said he was willing to tell prosecuting attorney Vickers of Newark all he knew of the Whitmores.

Elliott admits he knew the Whitmores but says that he had not seen them for two years until the day following Christmas, when he called at their house in Brooklyn, where he met Whitmore. He went there to get back a gold locket which he left in 1905 as security for a debt he owed Whitmore, with whom he boarded for three or four months when employed on the Interborough railway. He found Whitmore in the basement of his home the day following Christmas, he declares, and the motorman did not act strangely. When he asked "How she's gone away," she left me."

Elliott would not discuss further what transpired at the Whitmore home while he was there, or how long he stayed.

Mrs. George Dickinson, whose home is in Boston, and who was a close friend of Whitmore, is believed to be here, but the Boston police say that they have never seen her, although they have been keeping watch. It is said she is wanted as a witness on the case.

25 VENIREMEN FINED
\$250 TO-DAYThey Failed to Show Up For The Thaw
Trial and Were Promptly Assessed
The Usual Amount.

New York, Jan. 9.—Only 75 of the new panel of 100 responded to the roll call when the Thaw trial opened this morning, and the absentees were fined \$250 each. The first talesman to prove satisfactory to both sides was Frank Manning, 47 years old, insurance broker connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He had read very little about the case and although interested in the trial, he formed no opinion as to Thaw's guilt or innocence. He took stand No. 10.

At the close of the morning session the jury box was again filled with occupants for the third time since the opening on Monday. Six of them are subject to peremptory challenge, and an early recess was taken by Justice Dowling so that both sides might have time to examine the reports of their detectives, who have looked up the records of all the men drawn as talesmen. Good progress was made to-day, only one peremptory challenge being necessary. Tuesday's recess was taken by Justice Dowling so that both sides might have time to examine the reports of their detectives, who have looked up the records of all the men drawn as talesmen. Good progress was made to-day, only one peremptory challenge being necessary.

Charles H. Thurston, a bookkeeper, was accepted as No. 11, and John De Hart, an architect, as No. 12.

First Big Surprise of Trial.

Thaw's attorneys yesterday furnished the first big surprise of the second trial by admitting that several of the expert witnesses who served on the staff of the district attorney at the first trial, and who declared when Mr. Jerome made application for a lunacy commission that Thaw's opinion, Thaw's insanity, was not to the nature of the proceedings against him and was entirely incapable of intelligently advising with his counsel, are now under subpoena by the defense.

They made affidavit that in their opinion Thaw at the time of the shooting was suffering from an incurable form of insanity. These same doctors, however, had previously testified on the witness stand, in response to Mr. Jerome's famous hypothetical question, that they believed that Thaw knew what he was about when he killed Stanford White. This move, it is said, is intended by the defense as a block to the prosecution in putting the same doctors on the stand, and taken by some as showing a determination that Thaw shall not be convicted even with the danger of a stay of the trial on the ground of insanity at Matthew as the alternative.

The attorneys who were the mainstay of the prosecution at the first trial, were Doctors William Mahon, Carlos MacDonald and Austin Flint. They were present at the former hearing from the very first day, and their absence this year has been commonly noted.

The defense in the present trial is insanity at the time White was killed. In making out this case, it will require delicate handling to show Thaw so mentally deranged at that time as not to know the nature or quality of his act and at the same time show that he is now mentally sound.

If they are placed on the stand, Mr. Littleton may interrogate and draw from these men the opinion that Thaw was also insane at the time of the homicide and then endeavor to limit all testimony as to the defendant's mental condition to the immediate period of the tragedy.

FRENCH BANKS SOUND.

According to Report of Bank of France,
Just Made Public.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The official report of the bank of France, just made public, shows that, despite the recent financial slump in America, England and Germany, the position of the bank of France is sound, and the wisdom of the country's banking laws have been proved. The statement shows the bank to have had 2,903,917,729 francs in gold and 927,043,954 in silver in its vaults during the latter half of December. The deposits in the leading French banks is estimated at 311,800,000,000 francs.

DEAD IN BED,
SUFFOCATEDThen Bodies of Mr. and Mrs.
Albert N. Moulton

WERE HORRIBLY BURNED

Auburn, N. H., Near City of Manchester,
Was Scene of Death of an Aged
Couple Early This
Morning.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 9.—In a fire which destroyed their home in Auburn, eight miles from here, just before day-light to-day, Albert N. Moulton and wife, Amnia, each about 75 years old, lost their lives. They were suffocated in bed before the flames reached them, but their bodies were found to have been horribly burned.

Several Fires Started.

Crossed electric wires started several fires in Goffstown yesterday. When John B. Caraway entered his store he found the walls near the wires ablaze.

At the same time a large elm tree in front of the blacksmith shop of Frank T. Moore was ablaze, and during the night another one near Pythian hall was destroyed. Electric sparks were also playing about the wires in Barnard's livery stable and threatened to set it on fire.

300 PERISH IN FIRE.

Cinematograph Exhibition James Restaurant.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9.—Mail advices from South China tell of a terrible fire at Canton, where 300 lives were lost in the burning of a restaurant. A Chinese recently returned to Canton from California with a cinematograph machine. At a wedding feast at the Choi Chan restaurant, he gave an exhibition of moving pictures. Several hundred Chinese had crowded into the place out of curiosity, packing it tightly. The film took fire. There was a panic, during which the building collapsed.

TRYING FOR FIRST CLASS.

Brattleboro Postoffice Sees New Goal Within Reach.

Brattleboro, Jan. 9.—An unprecedented gain in the business of the Brattleboro postoffice is shown by the summary for 1907, which was completed yesterday. The gross receipts for the year on postal account were \$39,404.22, which is an increase of \$4,780.30 over the previous year. This increase makes it apparent that by April 1, the beginning of a new postoffice year, the business of the office will have reached \$40,000 for the year, which will entitle the office to be ranked in the first class. The net revenue to the government for the past year was \$21,550.24, or \$3,276.89 more than for 1906, although the expenses were increased the last half year.

PLAYED THREE MATCHES.

Montpelier Bowlers Dropped Two Out of Three at Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 9.—The Montpelier bowling team played three matches in this city yesterday, winning from the Lynwoods, two out of three, and losing to the Queen City by the same score, during the afternoon and dropping the evening match to the Ethan Allen club team, two out of three. Host of the visitors made the highest single string of the day, it being 223, while Kennedy of the Queen City made the highest three-string total of 559.

AN ELDERLY CHAIRMAN.

Ex-Gov. Holbrook Aged 95 Years Presided at Bank Meeting.

Brattleboro, Jan. 9.—Ex-Gov. Frederick Holbrook, who will be 95 years old next month, presided at the annual meeting of the incorporators of the Vermont savings bank yesterday and conducted the business with dignity and dispatch. He was re-elected president and chairman of the board of investment. Judge William S. Newton, who has been town clerk of Brattleboro more than 40 years, was re-elected vice-president.

700 BIRDS SHOWN.

Poultry and Pet Stock Exhibition at Exeter, N. H.

Exeter, N. H., Jan. 9.—The fourth annual exhibition of the Exeter poultry, pigeon and pet stock association opened in the town hall yesterday, and continued through Friday. The exhibitions were placed and the judges were busy all day, but the public opening was not until last evening, when the attendance was large.

The exhibition is the largest in the series. It is essentially a poultry show, the 100 entrants in this department exhibiting more than 700 birds, which include a few very fine turkeys and geese. The exhibition includes representatives from about 30 towns in four states. In the pigeon department, there are 163 specimens of all varieties.

The officers of the association are George H. Shellock, president; Judge Henry A. Shute, vice-president; Charles C. Russell, secretary; Charles W. Barker, assistant secretary; Lewis S. Swain, treasurer; George L. Swain, George E. Higgins, John H. Gilmore, Edward E. Lewis, William A. Javrin, executive committee; Lewis S. Swain, superintendent; William H. Lang, next superintendent.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day are F. C. Ems, Boston; F. E. Fowell, Norwood, N. Y.; W. Percival, Philadelphia; F. A. Nason, Boston; T. E. Scully, E. A. Secor, N. A. Hax, J. W. Jones, B. B. Bowman, J. A. Croft, G. C. Taylor, Burlington; A. J. Phelps, White River Junction.

BUTTER MAKING PLANT
SUSPENDS BUSINESSIndustry at Oakland, Near St. Albans,
Has Attachments Amounting to
\$21,000 and Shuts Down.

St. Albans, Jan. 9.—The butter manufacturing plant of the Vermont Creameries company at Oakland in this county has gone to the wall, and the creamery has been shut down, pending settlement of its financial troubles. Attachments amounting to \$21,000 have been put on the property, and it is understood that farmers and business men are stuck for about \$3,000, principally for milk and supplies necessary in the manufacture of butter.

The Vermont Creameries Co., of which Charles M. Greene of Barton is president and whose main office is at Barton, is supposed to be owned by Boston parties, who operated the Evansville creamery at Barton Landing, the Shady Hill creamery at Montpelier and the Oakland creamery. Removal of financial trouble in the company have been flying around for some time, but the crash was averted until Monday when the banks refused to longer honor their paper or cash checks. Bankruptcy proceedings are believed to be inevitable.

IS A DEGENERATE.

Testify Witnesses For Defense in Trial of Alfred Mahan.

Bennington, Jan. 9.—Although court was not called to order until ten o'clock yesterday, good progress was made in the trial of Alfred Mahan charged with the murder of his 4-year-old niece at North Bennington last April and counsel engaged in the case are now hopeful that it will reach the jury Saturday.

The defense put on as witnesses a number of people from North Bennington who testified in relation to the mental condition of the prisoner. The principal features were that the respondent never learned to write, that he was incapable of carrying on a conversation and that he had the peculiar habit of swinging for hours in a hammock regardless of the weather.

Christopher Frederick, a gardener, with whom Mahan worked, testified that he once found the young man unconscious in a tool house. Dr. C. E. Harland, who is connected with the insane asylum at Brattleboro, testified that his examination of Daniel Mahan, the respondent's brother, who recently died in the institution, showed no injury that could account for the mental difficulty.

There was a juryman from Sutton, whose illness caused a recess Wednesday, was able to go on with the trial but is far from well and there is still considerable anxiety lest he break down and cause a mistrial.

BIG CONVENTION WILL
MEET IN BURLINGTONAmerican Institute of Instruction Will
Assemble in Queen City on
July 7, 8, and 9.

Amesbury, Conn., Jan. 9.—Supt. of Schools Edwin C. Andrews of this city announces as secretary of the American Institute of Instruction that the board of directors has decided to hold the annual meeting of the institute in Burlington, Vt., July 7, 8, and 9, 1906. This is the oldest teachers' organization in the United States, organized in 1830.

Another markdown sale at Vaughan's. Special discount on all dress goods at Vaughan's.

Furs less than cost to close at The Vaughan store.

L. Bean left last night for Rockland, Me. to visit relatives.

A. E. Fort went to South Royalton to do business.

H. W. Clark is working for E. A. Bugbee in Montpelier.

Dr. A. H. H. Lewis went to Bethel to-day on a business trip.

Chester Dickey of Washington was in the city to-day on business.

Mrs. F. Rosel of Brook street is ill with pneumonia at her home.

D. T. Stewart of Washington was in the city on business to-day.

M. J. Green is working after a several weeks' illness with rheumatism.

Albert E. Lamberton of Mansfield visited relatives in the city to-day.

W. H. Gladding of Randolph was in the city to-day on a business visit.

Miss Amy Howard is working at the New England central telephone office.

The meeting of the trustees of the City hospital association was adjourned last night for one week.

All members of the I. A. C. are requested to meet at the hall in the Quinlan block at 7 o'clock Friday evening.

The "Noname" whist club met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitcomb of East street. Dinner was served at six o'clock, after which the party played whist until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Perry left this noon for Florida to be gone three months. They will stop on the way for a week in New York and Washington, and then go to Palm Beach and Tampa, Florida. They may possibly take a short trip to Cuba before returning.

The Old Maid's Retreat met last evening at the home of Miss Mary McDonald on Liberty street. Supper was served, after which a musical program was enjoyed by all, it including pleasing vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Phyllis Lewis and Miss Allie Richardson.

The supper at the Universalist church Friday evening will be served in season to accommodate those who have previous engagements. Remember the place and time, at the vestry from 5:30 to 7 o'clock. The menu appeared in yesterday's paper. Come early and give the ladies time to serve you before the rush.

Fancy neckwear sale Friday and Saturday at Vaughan's.

CABOT MAN
TOOK FIRSTFor Having Largest and Best
Maple Sugar Exhibit

AT RUTLAND CONVENTION

North Montpelier Man, E. C. Hillis, Also
Took Silver Cup in Creamery Class
With the Dairymen
To-day.

Rutland, Jan. 9.—This was the last day of the State Dairymen's and Sugar Makers' conventions which opened here Tuesday. The maple sugar men were not in session through the day but most of them attended the butter makers meetings and the two organizations will hold a joint banquet at Dunn hall this evening. The business of the convention will end this afternoon at 4:30 with the election of officers by the dairymen.

At the morning session, addresses were given as follows: "Sanitary Milk," Dr. L. P. Sprague, Burlington; "Co-operation of Parents with Teachers in School Work," Mrs. Laura B. Cramton, Rutland; "Some Dairy Farm Products," Prof. W. J. Spillman, manager farm investigation department, Washington; "Moisture in Butter," Prof. C. L. Beach, Burlington. In the afternoon Prof. Ivan C. Weld, assistant in dairy division, Washington, D. C., gave an address entitled "A Talk to the Creamery Boys of Vermont" and Mrs. Arthur Vaughan of Randolph had a paper on "The House on the Farm." The closing address was by Prof. J. L. Hillis, whose topic was "Cow Testing Associations, Once Again."

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BIRD—THOMPSON.

Pretty Home Wedding Ceremony Last
Evening at the Home of the Bride.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening, when Miss Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Georgiana Thompson and Alfred I. Bird were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's mother, 2 Plain street. Rev. William E. Hildesheim performed the ceremony, the couple being married under an arch of evergreen.

The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, John Chesser, and Alex. Bird, brother of the groom, acted as best man, while Miss Jim Patterson was bridesmaid. The bride was beautifully attired in white tulle and silk, and the bridesmaid wore dotted muslin. Mr. Bird is employed as a meat cutter in H. J. Smith's market.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird left last night amid showers of rice for a week's stay in Boston, and upon their return will reside on Maple avenue. They were the recipients of many useful and beautiful gifts from their friends, including an oak and leather rocker, a mantel clock, silverware and cut glass.

COUTERMARSH—DE LAURIE.

White River Junction Girl Marries Man
From The Philippines.

White River Junction, Jan. 9.—Capt. Henry W. Coutermarsh of the Philippines and Miss Ida Elizabeth De Laurie of White River Junction were married yesterday in St. Anthony's church by Rev. C. J. Delany. The matron of honor was Mrs. A. J. Pantou, sister of the bride, and Mr. A. J. Pantou was the best man.

NEW AGRICULTURE SECRETARY.

F. L. Davis of Pomfret Succeeds George Aitken.

Rutland, Jan. 9.—Governor Proctor has appointed F. L. Davis of Pomfret a member of the Vermont board of agriculture to succeed George Aitken of Woodstock, resigned. Mr. Davis will be secretary.

Gets \$294.25 From Railroad.

Middlebury, Jan. 9.—Addison county court came in a judgment yesterday in the case of Edwin G. Piper against the Rutland railroad was resumed. Mr. Piper finished his argument for the plaintiff and Judge Miles then gave his charge to the jury taking about one hour. The jury received the case at 10:30 and at 2:30 gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff to recover \$294.25 with costs.

Harry Vataw of Vergennes was brought into court upon an information by the state's attorney charged with furnishing intoxicating liquor contrary to law and bail was fixed at \$500. The first criminal case of the term, State vs. Henry Crow of Bridport, charged with burglary committed in Bridport during October and November last, was taken up. Considerable time was taken in getting a jury, the panel was exhausted and three more taken called.

FINISHED SCORING
POULTRY EXHIBITSWinners of Ribbons Will Be Marked for
Remainder of the Exhibit—Prize
Cups to Be Announced To-
morrow.

The judges finished this morning scoring the birds at the poultry show and visitors to the exhibit for the rest of the week will have a chance to see and know all of the ribbon winners. The winners of all the prize cups will be announced to-morrow. R. S. Currier of this city won the special prize for the highest score of the exhibit and also for the best display and highest score in Leghorns.

The following is a list of more of the ribbon winners: Rose Comb White Leghorns: H. B. Daniels, St. Johnsbury, pullet 1, hen 1, cock 2, pen 1, and 2; E. J. Heath, West Burke, cockerel 1, 2 and 3; Single Comb White Leghorns: George Finch, Barre, hen 1, pullet 2, cock 1, cockerel 1, special for color on cock; L. M. Blodgett, West Burke, pullet 1, cockerel 3, special color on pullet; A. A. Lewis, Burlington, hen 2; Charles LePage, Barre, cock 2 and special for shape; cockerel 2, hen 3, 4, and special for shape.

Rose Comb Leghorns: Mrs. George Barnard, Berlin, pen 1; J. M. Stone & Son, Williamstown, pullet 1 and 3, cockerel 2, 4 and special on cock; W. H. Seabury, Waterbury, cockerel 1, pullet 2; L. M. Blodgett, West Burke, cock 1, hen 1; H. E. Franklin, Townsend, cockerel 3, 5, pullet 4.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns: A. O. Berry, West Burke, cockerel 5, pullet 4; R. S. Currier, Barre, cock 1, cockerel 2, 4, hen 2, pullet 5, and special on cock; W. J. Spillman, manager farm investigation department, Washington; "Moisture in Butter," Prof. C. L. Beach, Burlington. In the afternoon Prof. Ivan C. Weld, assistant in dairy division, Washington, D. C., gave an address entitled "A Talk to the Creamery Boys of Vermont" and Mrs. Arthur Vaughan of Randolph had a paper on "The House on the Farm." The closing address was by Prof. J. L. Hillis, whose topic was "Cow Testing Associations, Once Again."

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